



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Lhing-Yew Li, et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,974

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS  
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,  
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE  
DEHYDROGENASE, AND  
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE  
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,  
AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1656

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**RESPONSE AFTER ADVISORY ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief mailed by the Office on January 23, 2007. An extension of time of four months is required to make this response timely, and such an extension is included herein. In the event that a further extension is necessary for this document to be timely filed, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from deposit account no. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested. Applicants' response takes into account the

requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 116 and is intended to place into condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Applicants' response further takes into account that none of the previous amendments submitted after the May 1, 2006 Final Official Action were entered. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** being on page 4 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 5.